Ladies' Aid Society
of the
Duna Orthodox Congregational
Church
and
Community

Secretary's Reports
for
1926.

Ladies Aid Society
and
Sewing Club of the Orthodox Congregational Church of Dana, Mass. 1926

Members

President
Mrs. Fred Fisk

Vice President
Mrs Chas. Lindsey

Sec. Miss F. V. Doane

Treas. Miss N. J. Shattuck

Resident members

Mrs. H. M. Brown Chairman Com. on Work
Mrs. E. Smith
Mrs. B. Smith
Miss Mary Buell
Miss Margaret MacArthur
Mrs. A. E. Doane
Mrs. E. B. Bristol
Mrs. Geo. Lindsey,
Mrs. L. R. Wells.
Mrs. Raymond Wyles
Mrs. John Finn
Miss Dorothy Bristol
Mrs Frank Brown
Mrs. Susan Stevens
Mrs D. E. LeBlanc,
Mrs Etta Brown
Mrs Thos. Thayer
Mrs. S. Hall,
Mrs Geo Lindsey
Mrs. J. Finn
Mrs Nellie Durkee

Jan. 7. Meeting held at home of Mrs. J. Fiske. Pres.

Jan. 21. { Afternoon. Meeting at home of Mrs. Chas. Lindsey. Ten present. Collection 55¢. Sewing for the fair to be held later. Refreshments served.

Feb. 23: An all day meeting, 10.30 a.m to 4.30 p.m was held at home of Mrs. F. Fisk. Pres.
There was a discussion concerning a celebration of the 125th anniversary of the town of Dana. and the 150th anniversary of the U. S. A. "Old Home Day"
There were 10 present. Collection 65 cts.

For Ladies Aid business Mrs. George Leindsey was appointed to have charge of making bed quilts.

Mrs. F. Fisk Contributed nine Cotton material. Remnants.

March 11. An all-day meeting
with Mrs. Geo. Lendsey. 10.30 a.m to 4.30 p.
Contributions to dinner to be at 1 p.m.
No. present 12. and two Children (Twins)
Collection 97 cts.
Mrs. Fisk Pres. and Mrs. C. Lendsey
Vice Pres. both present:
Sewing — no Special other business.
Work on bed-quilt. etc.

March 25. All day meeting with Mrs.
Chas. Lendsey. 10.30 a.m to 4.30 p.m
Dr. H. M. Brown and Mr. F. Fisk brought
members.
There were twelve ladies present. Collection $1.06

April 8. Meeting with Mrs. Raymond Hyldes
all day 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Twelve ladies and one { Man visitor present,
Collection $1.40 including dinner { Mr. A. E. Doane 25¢
(Mrs Frank Grover of North Dana. visitor
a former member)
Mrs. Nellie Durkee who is at North Dana
this winter also came with Mrs. Grover

There was sewing of several kinds. No
special business except some talk
with Mrs. Grover concerning the Old
Home Day. Celebration arranged at
At the town meeting in March.

April 22. "All day" meeting at home of Mrs. Charles Lindsey Vice Pres.
10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
There were seventeen persons present. Of these were Mrs. Frank Grover of North Dana a former member of the society, and Mrs. Warner of Enfield and Mrs. Fuller and two Dana were visitors.
Collection $1.22
Work - sewing for a future fair.
Lots of fun about "Little Bo Peep".
No special business. A luncheon baked bean and salad dinner.
Indebted to Dr. Brown for transferance.

May 6. All day meeting with Mrs John Finn. 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
There were present 14½ ladies. Collection $1.31
two of whom were visitors. Mrs. Warner of Enfield and Mrs. Beaman from Barre (No. 10.)
Mrs. George Lendsey was made a member and contributed the usual ten cents, included in $1.31 Collection.
Her initiation was conducted by the president Mrs. Fisk and others in a humorous manner.
No especial business except an expression of thanks for Mrs. Finn for her kindness in entertaining the company.
Work, sewing.

The president Mrs. Fisk. Vice Pres. Mrs. Lendsey and Treasurer and Secretary all present.

May, 1926

The Secretary of the Society was very suddenly called away from town May 13. & attended a funeral and no substitute was appointed to take her place. She was away seven weeks from May 13. until July 1, 1926. During this time five meetings of the society were held as follows, &

May 20	with	Mrs. Fisk	Collection	1.31
June 3	"	Miss M. MacArthur	"	1.55
" 17	"	Mrs. H. M. Brown	"	,60
" 30	"	Mrs. H. M. Brown	"	,90

At these meeting the principal business was arrangements for a booth and table to be placed on the Center Park, on July 5 with articles for sale that were made by the members of the society at their homes and at the meeting held as given above. The tables were in the salesroom of the members of the society, two or three at a time alternating with others, so that nearly all of the active members had charge of the sales a part of the day. The sales

$69.30

July 22 The society met with
Mrs. Fisk. in
the President. Mrs. Fisk and
Vice President. Mrs. Lonidsey both present.
Ten present.
No special business except the reading
of the report of the Treasurer. Miss Shattuck
Talk of a picnic in two weeks
Later appointment was made for a
picnic with Mrs. Frank Grover at
her North Dana camp. by her invi-
tation Aug 5, but on Aug 3 of this
was postponed indefinitely.

Aug. 19. 1926

The Annual meeting met as appointed at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs L. R. Wells. There were twelve members present and Mrs. Marvell and Mrs. Foster: guests: 14 in all.

The business of the meeting began at about 3.10 p. m the Pres. Mrs. Frost presiding and Mrs C. Lindsey. V. Pres. present. also other officers.

The first business was the reading of the minutes of meeting since Jan 1926, when the annual meeting was changed from Jan. to August, because of more members present from during the summer months,

The Secretary's report approved and that of the treasurer read and also approved.

The new officers elected were first Mrs. Frost as president but she absolutely declined to serve as she has family have moved to North Dana, Accordingly her resignation was accepted and Mrs. Chas Lindsey was elected

The Officers for the comng year elected are, Pres. Mrs Chas. Bradley
V. Pres. Mrs. Raymond ~~Hyles~~, Wildes
Sec. Miss F. W. Doane
Treas. Miss M. J. Shattuck
It was voted to pay $100 the comng year toward the pastor's salary, to the Darrah society's Treasurer, Mr. Cotton.
Mrs. H. M. Brown was elected chairwoman of the Committee for society work, with such persons as assistants as she shall designate,

Sept. 2. A meeting was held as appointed
with Mrs. L. Lindsey, Pres, 10.30 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.
The secretary was unable to attend but the Pres
and Treasurer
Vice Pres. were present.
There were nine at the meeting, Collection .804

Sept. 16. The meeting was held with Mrs. L.
R. Wells. 10.30 a.m. & 4.30 p.m. The Pres. Mrs. Lindsey
and the treasurer and secretary both present.
Miss Fiske former president Came over from
North Dame. There were 13 present. one a
visitor with Mrs. Wells. Mrs. Bloom.
Collection $1.16. At the dining table Mrs. Wells
read a short letter of friendship from
Mrs. H. M. Brown who is in New York. The
Sec. Miss Doane read a letter from Mrs.
Brown dated Aug. 27. in which she
expressed appreciation of a bequest

present grew here a few days before, with a note of gift, written by the Secretary, The letter follows, (a copy)

Dear Fellow-workers of the Ladies Aid Society, Your note sent me after our last meeting came as a great surprise. I certainly will accept the lovely quilt, It will be a constant remainder, not only of the happy hours we have spent at our meetings but of the self sacrificing labor on the part of Mrs. Worrel and Mrs. Geo. Lendrey who cut and stitched it, as well as of those who helped to tie it. I appreciate the gift but more the kind thought that made the gift possible and sincerely thank you for it, and also for your generous, cheerful and willing response to every effort we have ever made together.

Gratefully Yours

(Signed) Eddie B. Brown

August twenty-seventh.

The business of the meeting was the vote to appropriate five dollars ($5) for purchase of material for work. Mrs. Chas. Lindsey Pres was appointed to select material.

Rev. Dr. Brown called at the meeting. He brought and carried home several members. Was invited to luncheon but did not attend.

Sept. 30. Society meet with Miss Margaret MacArthur for an "all day meeting" as appointed. There were 11 present. Collection Ten at table for luncheon. Mrs. Ainsley did not stay. Mrs. Hall was present with her infant Milton Eugene. Mr. & Mrs Hall are now resident at the place formerly owned by Mr. Fred Fisk.
There was a discussion about a harvest supper and date Aphointed for Friday Oct. 29.

The matter of electric lights for the auditorium of the church was taken up. Vote having formerly been taken to so light the church. It was decided to appoint a committee or ask Dr. Brown to act as chairman of a committee to make arrangements for the lighting and get the work done.
Samples were shown of material suitable to cover the church desk sofa &c. The general opinion was that crimson or some shade of red would be most desirable to correspond with the pulpit chair.
Mrs. C. Lindsey. Pres. ~~and~~ chosen at the last meeting & brought material for Society work showed her purchases. Very much admired. Next meeting Oct. 14th with Mrs. C. Lindsey

Oct. 14. All day meeting with Mrs. Geo. Lindsey 14 present, including two guests. Mrs. Harry Witt and Mrs. Maud Hood from North Dana. Mrs. Hall had her infant which attracted pleased attention Collection $1.30

A meeting called for afternoon in the vestry, Oct. 28 to prepare for Harvest Supper on Friday, Oct 29. 6 p. m. Arrangements for provisions made at present meeting.

Nov. 11.

Meeting with Mrs. John Finn 10.30 a m to 4 p.m. Twelve present and Mrs. Finn's two little boys Dana and Donald. collection 1.29. Mrs. Fred Fisk came over from North Dana. All enjoyed the very enjoyable dinner ~~?~~ baked beans, salads, ~~a~~ fine cake and pies and pies. ~~?~~ several kinds, with cheese. There were pickles of two kinds and two kinds of bread.

The business, ~~First~~ It was reported that Miss Shattuck was to be out of town for the winter and Mrs. Brown to substitute for her. Mrs. Brown gave report of Harvest Supper of Oct.

Nov. 11 (continued) no other special business except appointment for a meeting all day - with Mrs. E. Smith Nov. 18 to quilt
and for Dec. 2. with Mrs S. H. Hall.
Thanks were given Mrs. Finn for her hospitality. Everyone seemed in a most facetious mood and all enjoyed a very "good time,"

all day
Nov. 18. Meeting with Mrs. E. Smith.
Fifteen ladies present, $1.15 Collection. Mrs. Fred Fisk came from North Dana and brought with her Mrs. Frank Grover and Mrs. Nellie Durkee. As Dr. Brown out of town Mrs. Lindsey acted as "taxi" agent and brought all others except Mrs. Hall who came with her little baby boy trundled on his carriage and Mrs. Bert Smith nearest neighbor, and very helpful to her sister-in-law.

Two lovely quilts were tied for Mrs. F. Grover, besides embroidery and other fancy work.

The business consisted of plans about purchases of silver polishers and arrangements for a meeting with Mrs. Hall for Dec. 2 when plans will be made fully for a Christmas gathering.

Mrs. A. M. Brown as Substitute Treasurer reported Harvest Supper netted $32.05; That $25 had been paid Mr Colton Treasurer of the Danish So, leaving on hand in the treasury $21.07 Both in the bank.

Dec. 2. Meeting with Mrs. S. H. Hall 13 present and Mrs Hall's two girls and two sons, (a Dear Baby) collection $1.10, (1) Reading of Secretary's report for Nov. 11 and Nov. 18 (2) Plans for the Christmas meeting, Each member to draw a name to whom she gives a present. Restricted price of presents 10¢ to 25¢ all to present meetings at Vestry, Dec. 9, Christmas Dec. 16 with Mrs. E. Smith The Christmas party, No more until Jan.

Dec. 9. All day meeting at the Vestry as per appointment. 12 present, 80 cts collection. Two quilts tied for Mrs. Frank Grover and other work for future Sale.
Further arrangements for Christmas meeting with Mrs. E. Smith Dec. 16. Pleasant visiting party and delicious dinner from contribution to table, by members of the Society and others (perhaps) Voted to make the janitor Mr. Joyner a present of $5— and thanks for extra services.

Dec 16, Christmas party with Mrs. E. Smith, House rooms decorated with greens and a marvalous Christmastree with trankles. All fifteen present sat down to dinner at one long table, and one of the finest of our dinners. It had been planned to have presents by lot. That is each member of the Society drew a name to whom she should make a present for a basket containing names of members. That plan was carried

out, and Mrs. Smith acted as distributor and made witty remarks upon the appropriateness of gifts. In addition Mrs Smith gave each member and person a present. This was an unexpected pleasure. Very nice gifts. Collections were privately taken by Mrs. Brown to get a Christmas gift for Mrs Smith. It was also arranged to give $10 of the money of the Society to Dr. Brown as a Christmas gift.

This plan was carried out and he was given a $10 gold piece, collection,

The next meeting with Mrs. Chas Lindsey Jan 6, 1927

Mrs Smith presented the Society with a Record book Blue Covered.

Note; The Secretary Miss F. V. Doane was absent from town from Jan 4. to Apr 11, 1925 substitute Rept. California records.

1927.

Jan. 6. Meeting with Mrs Chas. Lindsey
9 present. Collection 87 cts.

Feb. 3. with Mrs. Geo. Lindsey 13 present.
Collection $1.05

Feb. 24. with Mrs. Chas Lindsey 12 present
Collection 85 cts.

Mar. 17. With Mrs. S. H. Hall. 13 present
Collection $1.35.

Mar. 31. With Mrs. Fred Fisk, 11 Present
Collection $1.25

April 21. 1926.

Ladies Sewing Club met at the vestry to hold an all day meeting but complaints that it was "too cold" led to an adjournment at 11 o'clock A. M. to the home of Mrs. Raymond Wildes There were twelve (12) ladies present and three (3) children at the dinner serves buffet style on the sitting room table, Mrs A. E. Doane was hostess who served baked beans fish and potato salad, bread and butter and several kinds of delicious pies.

Mrs Wells came in the afternoon, Mrs. F. Fisk came from North Dana and brought with her as guest Mrs Thos. Thayer,

Money received $2.39 of this $1.60 was collected the remainder for

10.45-4.30 All day meeting of
May 5. Society ~~met~~ with Mrs John Fenn
at Storrsville. 14 present at dinner.
The Society voted to add $5 to the Miss. Flood
money collected in Dana,
Dr Brown carried parties each way
from the Center.

June 2. The ~~Society~~ appointment was made Smith
with Mrs. H. M. Brown May 19. but the
meeting was deferred, This meeting
was held with Mrs L. Lindsay. There
were 16 present.
Arrangements were made for a
Strawberry Supper to be held at the
vestry on June 11. Mr. Fred Fiske
offered to furnish the strawberries and
Dick
June 11. Supper as appointed held at
the church vestry, A fine Supper
Cafetaria style. The first serving at
5:30 p.m.

a good many persons came from North Dana.

The receipts were $46.42

Expenses $9.25 borne by So.

Balance $37.17

June 28. At a former meeting Mrs. Charles Lindsey arranged this meeting to be a surprise party for Mrs. Geo. Lindsey's birthday. So the members attending met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Lindsey and went all together to the home of Mrs. Geo. Lindsey. Mr. George Lindsey was at home this morning and was the first to greet the party who appeared at his house not long before 12 o'clock. A daughter Mrs. with her little son were visiting her parents and also greeted the ladies of the party with graceful courtesy. The arrangement had been to have

a picnic dinner on the lawn but as the day was cool the plan was changed. There were fourteen (14) at the dinner table besides the little grandson of the Lindseys and Mrs. J. H. Hall's baby—

Mrs Trisk came from North Dana joining mother Mrs T. Thayer who is a sister of the two Lindseys Geo. and Chas. Their mother Mrs. Horace Lindsey was there, also, to celebrate the birthday. She is staying at Charles Lindsey's at present and attends many of the meetings of the society. She was at the Strawberry Supper.

The appointment for the next meeting to be with Mrs A. E. Doane in the grove on Pantapang pond, on July 14 if a suitable day or if otherwise arrangement for date made later.

July 14 As the morning was cool and misty the picnic at Dantampang was postponed and was held the next day July 15,

July 15 There were 43 at this picnic at Dantampang pond grove, 21 were children. The company assembled before 11 o'clock. Dr. Brown was present a part of the time, bringing some members with him. He took several groups of young ones out boating. The dinner consisted of Halad and other sandwiches, pies and ice cream. Strawberry ice cream furnished by Mr & Mrs E. Doane and Vanilla ice cream by Dr. H. M. Brown. After the dinner which was served in the grove, the children by themselves there were several games by children and also by the elders and running contests.

It was after 4,30 o'clock before all were home

July 28. This was an all day meeting held on the new porch of the home of Mr & Mrs. C. Lindsay. Mrs. Wildes took over two cars full, (or rather went twice) There were 17 present including only one child Ruth Wildes. At return to Dana Center Mr. Chas. Lindsay Ruddy took out his bus. for a load on one trip, Mrs. D. C. LaPlant had a visitor at her home another Mrs Geo. LePlant whom she invited to attend the Society meeting with her.

The work done was looking over the articles already finished and arranging and completing those not quite completed.

The principal business of the meeting was Arranging for a Cafeteria Supper and Sale. That is to be on Aug. 20. Mrs. Ella Brown was chosen leader of supper & chose her own assistants

other Committees were chosen,
No general meeting of the Society
until after the Supper, but meetings
of the Committees were appointed.
Aug 19 There was a meeting of committee at
the vestry to prepare for the Supper of.
Aug. 20.
Table in the vestry were arrange
for the Supper to be served at 5.30.
Several tables on the lawn in front of the church
were arranged with articles that had
been made by members of the Society
at the meetings and at the homes.
A handsome quilted bed cover was
hung on the church wall. There was a
"fish pond" arrange. — a
post up and back of it a number of
miscleaneous articles and
to attach to the safety pin which served
as a fish-hook attached to a line.
The children enjoyed the "fishing" very
much. Articles contributed

There was a good company of ladies and several gentlemen on the lawn, coming and going away, visiting, some friends who had not met for a number of years.
Tables filled.

Treasurer reported $69. Taken and $61 besides expenses.

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